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TO : Chief, EE

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FROM : Chief of Station, Frankfurt

SUBJECT: GENERAL—Operational

SPECIFIC—CARBOHYDRATE Project

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Synopsis: This memorandum briefly summarizes the CARBOHYDRATE operation and outlines the redirection of the project involving a reduction of salary for the agent. Approval is requested for the proposals contained.

1. We are in complete agreement with the majority of your comments contained in reference; we should like, however, to make the following observations with regard to the CARBOHYDRATE project.

2. When CARBOHYDRATE was first recruited by BOB in May 1948, the East Sector Berlin police was considered a target of interest. At that time, too, before the establishment of the DDR Government, there was a considerable shuffling - organization and reorganization - of the Soviet Sector and Zonal police agencies. CARBOHYDRATE was in a position to supply continuing information concerning the organization, personnel and policies of the Berlin police, and his contributions along this line were considered substantial if not sensational. For the past two years, however, the Berlin police organization has declined in importance as a target in itself; occasional Soviet criticism leveled at the Berlin police as well as the slashing of its T/O by the SCC seem to indicate that the Russians themselves entertain doubts as to the dependability of the police in any emergency situation. In addition, the low morale, poor technical training and lack of political consciousness, in the Communist sense, of the Berlin police has often been emphasized by CARBOHYDRATE himself. We do not feel, therefore, that the East Sector Berlin police organization can any longer be considered a target of sufficient interest to warrant the retention of an agent whose primary objective is the penetration of the police.

3. We do believe, however, that CARBOHYDRATE should be retained, at least for the immediate future, and at a considerably reduced salary, for the following reasons, always providing that he can be persuaded to accept the salary reduction.

a. To date, CARBOHYDRATE is the only DDR police source run by BOB. Efforts have been and will continue to be made to recruit penetration agents in the HYDVP and the HVA, as well as the SSD, and it is hoped that CARBOHYDRATE, with the

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redirection of the operation, may be able to supply some worthwhile leads.

b. CARBOHYDRATE has supplied information of interest to MKTOPAZ regarding the correct inks and data to be used in making out the Deutscher Personal-ausweis, and we believe that he can continue to be of assistance in answering briefs dealing with documentation.

c. At the present time CARBOHYDRATE is the only BOB source able to perform basic name and address checks, through police files, on East Sector residents of operational interest to us. He is also able to locate persons who have been arrested by the East Sector police and to ascertain charges made against them.

4. We feel, however, that the CARBOHYDRATE operation, if continued, should be done so on a reduced budget. We therefore propose to offer CARBOHYDRATE a monthly salary of 300 DM West, 200 of which is to be paid in cash to the agent and 100 to be deposited to his holding account in Frankfurt. We do not feel that the operation can produce early-warning type of information, since it is highly doubtful that the Berlin police will have access to such data, although CARBOHYDRATE may well be able to supply information concerning SED and FDJ demonstrations in West Berlin which may be of value to local security elements. It is felt, rather, that the operation should be confined to those points outlined in paragraph 3, above, by which CARBOHYDRATE would be used primarily as a spotter and informant on documentation intelligence. We are of the opinion, too, that should CARBOHYDRATE refuse to accept the salary reduction, the project should be terminated.

5. We should appreciate your comments and/or approval if this redirection of the CARBOHYDRATE project is acceptable to EE.

6. A field Project Outline will be submitted by separate pouch to include the changes for the CARBOHYDRATE operation.

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